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*Santa Clause, played by Staff Sgt. Zack Stone from 163d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and 2 year old Emily, daughter of Staff Sgt. Dawn Mikulski from the 163d Maintenance Group, waves to the camera during the 163 MXG holiday party Dec. 6.*

Photo by Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette



# Wing Commander Gives Mission, Vision Statement

*Col. Randall Ball*

*163d Reconnaissance Wing Commander*

One of the critical duties of your senior leadership team is to make sure that every Grizzly understands the wing mission, vision, and priority issues. Charting a course for the unit provides you and your team the necessary guidance to implement the wing strategy. That is why, in October of last year, we held a senior leadership offsite conference to re-visit these important concepts.

Our vision statement is very straightforward and won't surprise you. Key words are capabilities, leadership, and readiness. We desire to deliver maximum capabilities whether through highly qualified personnel or state of the art equipment. Leadership.....as the first ANG Predator unit we will strive to maintain our leadership position in the AF/ANG community. Readiness... ..we will always be ready to ensure a quick response to DoD tasking or state crisis.

The Grizzly mission statement reflects our core competency..... our people and their ability to safely execute the mission. It also reinforces our commitment to leading the ANG community as well as training others through our FTD and FTU. The dual nature of our mission is reflected here again as it was in the vision statement.

Our Priorities are listed below and consistently reflect the course we have charted in the vision and mission statements.

## 163d Reconnaissance Wing Priorities

- ◆ Concurrent and proportional allocation of AF assets , e.g., as MQ-9 aircraft become available, the 163d should receive the aircraft at the same time and in proportion to our Active Duty brethren.
- ◆ Legislative Liaison - our commitment to ensuring that our legislators see and hear from us regularly
- ◆ Facilities Utilization - the new mission requires a re-evaluation of facility requirements
- ◆ Finalization of our manning documents - the new mission requires some changes
- ◆ Total Force Initiatives, e.g., active duty associate unit flying Predator at March with 163d
- ◆ Update state mission plans to reflect new capabilities
- ◆ Meaningfully connect with our local community
- ◆ Regular leadership presence at state and federal headquarters
- ◆ Re-look at wing events to improve unit cohesiveness
- ◆ Emphasize and enable wing mentorship program
- ◆ Enhance unit family support programs
- ◆ Improve awards and decorations programs
- ◆ Maximize FTU/FTD capability within current equipment and manning constraints

## Vision Statement

Air National Guard Professionals Providing Mission Capabilities, Leadership, and Readiness to the Air Force, Combatant Commanders, and the State of California, Now and into the Future.

## Mission Statement

Safely Execute Remotely Piloted Aircraft Missions with Highly Trained Air National Guard Professionals Who Lead and Train Total Force Personnel to Provide Combat Support and Civil Response, Worldwide.

# 163 RW Opens Doors to French Air Force

*Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette*

*163d Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs*

December 10 marked the day the 163d Reconnaissance Wing opened its doors to the French military, when distinguished visitors from the French Air Force toured the California Air National Guard's Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) unit.

Among the DVs was the Vice Chief of Staff of the French Air Force, Lt. Gen. Joel Martel and Maj. Gen. Kip L. Self, Director of Operational Planning, Policy and Strategy, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, as well as the head of the French RPA program.

"The French Air Force flies an unmanned aerial vehicle called the Harfang, it's very similar to the MQ-1 Predator," said Col. Robert Dooly, U.S. Air Force Attaché in Paris. "We are more experienced in RPA's, so they look to our units and programs for guidance."

Commander of the wing, Col. Randall Ball, started the tour by giving the DVs an

overview of the unit, past, present and future, touching on everything from training at the Field Training Detachment to operations overseas and at Southern California Logistics Airport.

After the overview, 196th Reconnaissance Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Kirby Colas took the reins and gave the visitors an opportunity to see the mission first hand, by showing them around the Predator Operations Center facilities.

Meeting the tour at its next stop was the Flying Training Unit Commander Lt. Col. Tom Pritchard. He arranged for a brief PowerPoint given by Maj. Eric Fagerland, who greeted the French visitors in their native tongue.

"After Maj Fagerland briefed them on the FTU mission we took them on an FTU tour," said Colonel Pritchard, "The Generals really enjoyed flying the Simulator and watching a real training mission being flown from our Ground Control Station."

Shortly after the generals observed

some FTU instructors teach students, the tour made its final stop of the day, the Field Training Detachment.

General Martel and the rest of the group was met by the 163d Maintenance Group Commander Col. Charles Manley, who offered the DVs an in depth look at the MQ-1 Predator.

Major Alex Cortes works in Washington D.C. at the Pentagon, and was one of the action officers that arranged this tour. This is the best way to share information and strength relationships between foreign countries, he said.

At the conclusion of the tour, Colonel Ball presented General Martel a plaque of appreciation. In return, General Martel expressed his gratitude and gave appreciation gifts to Colonel Ball and other members of the unit.

"This was a very fruitful visit," said General Martel. "The personnel here, both on the training and operational sides, are very happy to participate in this mission. And it's always wonderful to see that kind of dedication."



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette*  
Vice Chief of Staff of the French Air Force Lt. Gen. Joel Martel turns the optic camera ball of a new Block 15 MQ-1 Predator, during a visit Dec. 10.



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette*  
Vice Chief of Staff of the French Air Force Lt. Gen. Joel Martel pilots a MQ-1 Predator simulator while Maj. Gen. Kip L. Self, Director of Operational Planning, Policy and Strategy, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, controls the optical camera ball, during a visit Dec. 10.

# 163 RW Receives New Block 15 MQ-1 Predators

**Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette**

*163d Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs*

The 163d Reconnaissance Wing, March Air Reserve Base, Calif., recently received three Block 15 MQ-1 Predators, making the wing the first Air National Guard unit to receive a brand new aircraft.

The unit took possession of the first aircraft September, from an operational testing facility in Grey Butte, Calif. In the months following, the unit has received

two more Block 15s, and is slated to take possession of four more new Predators.

The Block 15 aircraft is the latest from General Atomic's Predator line, which is a reconnaissance Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA).

"This new block has an infrared camera in the nose," said General Atomics Airframe and Power Plant Mechanic Jordan Manns. "Another nice feature it has over the Block 10, the under engine cowl-ling, or cover, can be taken off without the

removal of the prop, which is especially nice for maintainers."

The 163 RW uses the high tech RPA to train Active Duty, Guard and Reserve aircrew at the Flying Training Unit how to pilot and operate the sensor ball, and maintenance personnel to maintain and repair the aircraft at the Field Training Detachment.

Currently two of the three aircraft are stationed and maintained at Southern California Logistics Airport, while the third is at the Field Training Detachment.



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette*  
Staff Sgt. Austin Archey, 163d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, adjusts the throttle on a brand new Block 15 MQ-1 Predator during his training at the Field Training Detachment, Dec. 16.



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette*  
During his training at the Field Training Detachment, Staff Sgt. Austin Archey, 163d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, inspects battery wires on a brand new Block 15 MQ-1 Predator Dec. 16.

## Antiterrorism Office Says RAMS: They're Here to Protect You!

**1st Lt. Kel Thede**

*163d Reconnaissance Wing Antiterrorism Office*

If you've been a member of the military long enough chances are you've been subjected to a vehicle search at the gate or ID check for entrance into a building. Activities like these are known as Random Anti-Terrorism Measures or RAMs for short.

Although they can be inconvenient, RAMs are a vital component in the overall Antiterrorism Programs for a base or installation. RAMs are identified as one of 32 standards in AFI 10-245 Air Force

Antiterrorism Program.

The AFI states "The RAM program is developed and implemented as an integral component of the overall AT program and guided by the principles outlined in DOD O-2000.12-H. To maximize the effectiveness and deterrence value, RAMs should be implemented without a set pattern, either in terms of the measure selected, time, place or other variables."

They're comprised of select measures from the Force Protection Conditions (FPCONS) Normal through Delta, with the goal of disrupting surveillance activi-

ties, making us more unpredictable, as well as increasing vigilance and awareness of local threats and concerns.

Each and every day numerous measures are exercised throughout a facility. The next time you find yourself an unplanned participant in one, don't forget to maintain a positive attitude and remember that RAMs are intended to keep you safe and more importantly, alive.

For more information on RAMs and FPCONS refer to the Force Protection Computer Based Training module on ADLS or see your Wing Antiterrorism Officer.



# First Shirt Offers New Year's Resolutions Advise

Master Sgt. Greg Jackson

163d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron First Sergeant

Every year around this time, we find ourselves making promises of personal change, usually a result of being unsatisfied with our current lifestyle and/or habits. These promises range from fun to extremely challenging. They invite competition among friends and family, seeing who can improve the most. Far too often, frustration and disappointment set in a short time after making these lofty goals, as we revert to our old ways. This annual tradition is known as the New Year's Resolution. One study showed the success rate to be 12% for New Year's Resolutions. Men fared better when engaged in goal setting, while women were more successful when making their goals public and got support from their friends. The approach below may provide you with a better outcome than with your prior resolutions.

The first step for success is making a list of desired resolutions. The most common New Year's Resolutions revolve around personal fitness, career development, or financial improvement. The fitness resolutions include joining a gym, eating right, losing weight, consuming less alcohol, and quitting smoking. If your goal is to develop your career, you should concentrate on improving your skills or grades, seeking a higher education, or working towards getting a better job. Financial improvement involves getting out of debt by reducing your number of credit cards, getting a second job, or reducing unnecessary expenses. Most of these resolutions provide the dual benefit of personal and military growth. Military specific resolutions may include:

enrolling in CCAF or PME, being a better mentor, wingman or leader, increasing your fitness score, or keeping your section at the level attained during the recent UCI.

Once you have your list, a successful plan requires each item to be as attainable as possible. If your desire is to stop drinking or smoking cold-turkey, you may opt for a plan of cutting intake by half this year...frustration will be minimized in this process, and you'll have a follow up goal for next year's resolutions. If you want to

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"New Year's Day... now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual."

Mark Twain  
American Author

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get in shape, but are working two jobs, enrolled in school and have family commitments, it would be irrational to think you could get fit in a short amount of time. In this case, choose a fitness program that allows for your busy schedule (maybe riding a bicycle to and from locations, home gym equipment or just eat right). Developing your career is more long-term, and it's never too early to create a plan for success. Most of us don't see Harvard in our future, but Community College of the Air Force is available to each of us. There is no deadline to completing a CCAF degree, so start with just one class at a time. If you have made an honest assessment of your abilities to attain these goals, then your success rate is attainable.

Now that you have a list of attainable resolutions, plan the work and

work the plan. This plan should include your support group, timeline for completion, and possible setbacks. The best support group includes a combination of family, friends and professional resources. The support group should be there from the beginning. Not only can they provide an impartial viewpoint, but they will be there along the path to success. Friends or family may be best for personal goals, while professional resources should be sought for career goals. March ARB has a wide variety of professional resources that can help you year-round with your resolutions list. The Base Gym, Embry Riddle, the Chaplain, Family Readiness, your Unit Career Advisor, supervisor or first sergeant are a few resources that are in place to assist in your personal and military development. Your timeline for completion needs to be realistic. If too short you will surely be disappointed, while leaving it open-ended creates no sense of urgency. Finally, your plan should account for possible setbacks to achieving your goal. You may not know all of them, but finances, time, resource availability and family/work commitments should be part of the plan.

In closing, the first step to achieving your New Year's Resolutions is coming up with a good list. Once the list is made, make each item attainable by knowing your abilities. Next, plan the work and work the plan. This includes your support group, a realistic timeline to achieve each goal, and awareness of potential setbacks. With success rates so low, try not to get too disappointed or frustrated with your results - it's always better to try and fail, than to never have tried at all. And there's always next year!

# Operations Member Wins 2009 Base Athlete Award

*Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette*

*163d Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs*

Making time for fitness isn't always a priority for servicemembers, but for Master Sgt. Cyndie Sartin it's a way of life, which made her the winner of the Base Athlete of the year award, given Dec. 7 by Lt. Col. Bruce Finley, 452 Mission Support Group Deputy Commander.

Sergeant Sartin was born and raised in the Philippines and came to the United States in 1981. In 1992 she joined the California Air National Guard, 222nd Combat Communication Squadron in Costa Mesa, Calif. In 1999 she transferred to the 163d Reconnaissance Wing and is currently serving as the NCOIC in the Orderly room of the 163d Operations Group.

"I've always been an active individual, playing softball, volleyball and running track in High School," she said, "But I became really proactive in my early 20s, when some of my family had health issues at young ages."

In addition to her normal duties, Sergeant Sartin is the Unit Fitness Program Manager/Fitness Assessment Monitor (UFPM/FAM) for the OPG.

Sergeant Sartin has scored 100 percent on all her fitness tests for the past seven years, which made her ideal for the fitness manager title for her unit.

"As the UFPM, I teach Airmen how to breathe properly and demonstrate running tech-

niques, I've also paced some members while they tested," she said. "These techniques have been successful in improving servicemembers fitness test scores."

In March 2009, she was team captain for a four-week wellness challenge called "Crews Into Shape."

"I designed a plan, which included group cardio exercises and sensible eating habits," said Sergeant Sartin. "All those who participated in the program benefited from it by feeling healthier and experienced weight loss."

Sergeant Sartin is an active participant in most, if not all,

base gym fitness events, such as Aerobathon, Spin Class, Obstacle Course, Fit to Fight 1.5 mile Run, Boot Camp Exercise, Dance Mix and Step Aerobics.

She has competed in everything from 5k runs to marathons, the list is more than 20 and includes the LA Marathon, the World Famous 10k Mud Run and she was a Special Olympic Torch runner.

Whether she's scoring 100 percent on her fit tests, running marathons or participating in Spin Class, Sergeant Sartin finds ways to stay active, healthy and fit to fight.



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette*

Lt. Col. Bruce Finley, 452 AMW Mission Support Group Deputy Commander, presents the Base Athlete of The Year award to Master Sgt. Cyndie Sartin, 163 RW Operations Group, Dec. 7, 2009.



## Musicians from Travis Air Force Base spread holiday cheer at March Air Reserve Base



Photo by Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette

The Air Force Band of the Golden West came to March Air Reserve Base Dec. 15, to spread some seasonal cheer by playing holiday songs to the 163d Reconnaissance Wing and other units here.

## Team Grizzly - 2010 LA Marathon Info!



Photo by Master Sgt. Julie Avey

Join the Grizzlies and run the Los Angeles Marathon. For the eighth consecutive year, wing members have the opportunity to be part of the human chain that kicks off the race and run a marathon on March 21, 2010. The race will not fall on drill. With the race just Three months away, members still have time to train. Spouses are welcome on the team, however, all participants must attempt to run the entire 26.2 miles of the race for free registration. To sign-up and/or get a complete training program for the race, contact Maj. Brenda Hendricksen at (951) 655-2556 or email [brenda.hendricksen@ang.af.mil](mailto:brenda.hendricksen@ang.af.mil)



# 163D RECONNAISSANCE WING HOLIDAY PARTY PHOTOS

## Photo Captions

Top right, Staff Sgt. Jessica Huerta opens a gift for the White Elephant gift exchange, during the headquarters holiday party, Dec. 5.

Left middle, part of the sweet display the Medical Group personnel put together for a holiday party, Dec. 5.

Bottom right, 163d Operations Group Commander Col. Dana Hessheimer carves the turkey during the OG holiday party, Dec. 5.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Diane Ducat



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Diane Ducat



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Joe Prouse





### Photo Captions

Top right, Master Sgt. Greg Jackson dishes out food to members of the 163d Civil Engineer Squadron and their families, during the CES holiday party, Dec. 5.

Bottom left, Master Sgt. Alan King "AK" opens up a gift during the 163d Maintenance Group holiday party. The gift doubled as a birthday present, as he celebrated his birthday during the party as well, Dec. 6.

Bottom right, Master Sgts. Steve Formaneck, Crystal Rossmann and Tech. Sgt. Aaron Wells were caught cheesing during the 163d Force Support Squadron holiday party, Dec. 5.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Diane Ducat



Photo by Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Diane Ducat





## March units team up for Make-A-Wish tour

*Staff Sgt. Megan Crusher*

*452 Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs*

David Woodward's wish came true Nov. 7 when he piloted a Predator and climbed aboard three March aircraft. David is a 12-year-old Costa Mesa boy with muscular dystrophy, a hereditary disease characterized by the progressive deterioration of muscle.

But the day wasn't about David's illness; it was about David living his dream.

The seventh grader's wish was granted with the help of the Make-A-Wish foundation and March ARB. The 163rd Reconnaissance Wing, the 452nd Air Mobility Wing and the 144th Fighter Wing all came together to give David an experience he'll never forget.

"The Make-A-Wish foundation grants wishes to children with life threatening medical conditions between the ages of two and a half and 18, and our mission statement is 'we grant these wishes to enrich their lives with hope, strength and joy,'" said Christina Sandoval, the assistant manager for Orange County's Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Accompanying David on his journey around base were: Sandoval, Maria Crespo (David's mother) and her friend, Peter Mundkowsky.

The day began with a welcome ceremony from the 163d Reconnaissance Wing, where David was presented with a jacket and was pinned as an honorary second lieutenant. David then went into the Field Training Detachment to get a briefing on

the Predator's operations and capabilities. After, he went into the Flying Training Unit where he piloted the unmanned aircraft in the simulator like a pro.

The morning ended with a tour of the Predator hangar and an up-close look at the predator where David watched with fascination as Mundkowsky lifted the Predator with one arm.

David's excitement stretched into lunch as he kept asking when he was going to be able to see the 'big planes,' said Sandoval.

He didn't have to wait long. After lunch, David and his family went out to a C-17 Globemaster III. David toured the aircraft and got to see the ramp open and close. He sat in the loadmaster's

station and then in the cockpit beside a pilot who explained what all the buttons and gauges do.

The next stop was the KC-135 where the 452nd Aerial Port Support Flight and the 50th Aerial Port Squadron made a team effort to provide air-stairs, which made it much easier for Mundkowsky to carry David onto the aircraft. The crew showed David the boom and he sat in the pilot's seat again as the pilot showed him the controls.

He then visited the 163rd Security Forces Squadron who was having a bag-drag. One Airman described a bag drag to David, telling him that they were going through all their equipment to make sure they were prepared



*Photo by Tech. Sgt. Gary Burril*

Airman 1st Class Andy Pinche and Tech. Sgt. Gina Cali, 163d Security Forces Squadron, shows David Woodward what full "battle rattle" is for security forces troops deployed overseas, during his Make-A-Wish tour of March ARB November 7.



to deploy.

As the Airman showed his gear to David, David's eyes locked onto a patch with a pirate and two daggers on it. Without hesitation the Airman ripped the patch off and handed it to him. Although David was too excited to speak, as he often was during the tour, his ear to ear grin of thanks said it all.

Maj. Carlos Girard, SFS commander came outside to welcome David to the 163rd. Major Girard presented David with a security forces coin and asked him if he'd like to see the armory. David's eyes lit up and he went to the armory and saw the weapons that security forces use.

The final aircraft David visited

was the F-16 fighter jet located at the 144th Fighter Wing. David toured the briefing room, living quarters, wore the fighter pilot helmet and even tried a pair of night vision goggles.

At the F-16 fighter jet, David sat in the cockpit and put his hand on the throttle. During the visit, F-16 pilot, Capt. Donald L. Charlton stripped the patches off from his own flight suit and handed them to David.

David's mother said David has wanted to be a pilot for the past two years and had a wonderful time at March. She said everyone was from the base and the Make-A-Wish program was great.

"Everybody today has done such an amazing job and has gone

so way above and beyond that David's been non-stop smiling. It's been an amazing day," said Sandoval at the end of the day at March.

Senior Master Sgt. John Clayton, 163rd Reconnaissance Wing, coordinated with the Make-A-Wish foundation to make David's wish come true.

"Sergeant 'John' was very detailed in every aspect of this wish. The day went smoothly and flawlessly because of this. It was so easy coordinating the wish with March," Sandoval said.

As David prepared to depart March, it was obvious his wish had come true. His bright eyes and grin said more than words ever could.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Gary Burriel

Technical Sgt. Heath Branham shows David Woodward the optical sensor ball of the MQ-1 Predator, Remotely Piloted Aircraft, during his Make-A-Wish tour of March ARB November 7.

# Grizzlies Rep. CA ANG at Biathlon Competition

*Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette*

*163d Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs*

This past month Dec. 9 to 13 four grizzly members competed in the National Guard Western Regional Biathlon competition held in West Yellowstone, Montana.

Events included both an individual 10k and a three person 6k relay race. This was the first year where the California team was comprised of not only an all Air National Guard contingent, but they were also all members of the 163d Reconnaissance Wing.

Team members included Capt. Julian Manalo from the 163d Medical Group, 1st Lt. Kel Thede from 163d Headquarters and Staff Sgt. Zach Watson from the 163d Operations Group. Senior Master Sgt. Mike Maggiacomo has served as team coach for about four years.

"The weather was a bit frigid but enthusiasm was high especially among our newest team members Sergeant Watson and Captain Manalo," said Lieutenant Thede. "Though the team did not medal in any of the events, we enjoyed great camaraderie as well as improving our skills in a very challenging sport."

Following our return from the competition Sergeant Watson gave a few minutes of his time to share his impressions from his first biathlon experience.

When asked what his motivation was for joining the Biathlon team, Sergeant Watson said, "I have been a competitive shooter for over 20 years, and I have always wanted to try another form of competition. I have been interested in sports that simulate or replicate military skills

and the biathlon has its roots in the military ski patrols. Combining the exertion of cross country skiing and the precision and concentration of shooting, really appeals to me."

"I was expecting the shooting to

"I have been a competitive shooter for over 20 years, and I have always wanted to try another form of competition."

*Staff Sgt. Zach Watson  
163d Operations Group*

be fairly easy and it would have been, had I not been completely exhausted from trying to learn to

ski," he said. "I didn't think I would be competitive but I thought I would pick up the ski technique much more quickly."

"I plan on competing again in the future," said Sergeant Watson, "But I want to learn to ski before the next event, so I can at least complete the course."

Anyone interested in a competitive challenge, consider joining the National Guard Biathlon team. It's a fully funded by the military and is an opportunity not many people get to participate in, especially residents of Southern California. For more information about the sport, contact Lieutenant Thede at (951) 655 3863 or email at kel.thede@ang.af.mil.



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Zach Watson*

Grizzly member, Equal Opportunity Officer 1st Lt. Kel Thede, fires at a target during the Western Regional National Guard Biathlon competition, held at Yellowstone National Park in Montana Dec. 9 through 13.



### UTA Meal Schedule

If you are authorized lodging Friday before the unit training assembly, you qualify for breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday, also breakfast and lunch Sunday. All meals will be provided by the Hap Arnold Club.

#### New Billeting Hotline Number!

Members with issues, complaints, or concerns regarding billeting reservations or contracted rooms, or who need to cancel their rooms last-minute can contact the first sergeant's on-call hotline number at **(951) 453-7620**. The phone line is active beginning Friday afternoon and continuing through the Sunday morning of each drill weekend. To cancel a reservation during the month, please contact your unit lodging POC.

The previous phone was shared by CE employees throughout the month and made available to selected first sergeants on UTA weekends. The new phone shall be dedicated for use by first sergeant throughout the year and will be maintained by the 163 RW full time first sergeant.

### Traditional Intel Officer Board

Intel has a commissioning opportunity for a traditional Intel Officer, AFSC 14N1. A board is slated to be held Sunday of March 2010 UTA. Qualified applicants must have the following completed for consideration: Bachelor degree and the AFOQT completed. Interested wing members please submit the following to Maj. Eileen Mueller by Feb. 6, 2010: Letter of intent, resume and current rip that may be downloaded

from the Air Force Portal. Any questions may be directed to Major Mueller at (951) 655-3188.

### Spring Fling Change

In the past the 163d RW Spring Fling has been held on a non-UTA weekend prior to the Easter holiday. This year Spring Fling will be held the Saturday of March UTA, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The plan is an Easter Egg Hunt, face painting, bouncers, a visit from the Easter Bunny as well as appetizers and pastries. Volunteers and those unit members who have children attending will be excused (non-mission essential personnel) during the event time frame. Following the event member will need to resume normal duty hours. Family Readiness Coordinator Debbie Hambrick is looking for volunteers for the event. Help needed includes face

painting, food preparation and clean up and break down. Also, if you would like to bring an appetizer or pastry let Debbie Hambrick know, Debbie.hambrick@ang.af.mil or 951-655-2165.

### Duty Phones Not Working? Read

If you use the phone system on March ARB, this info is for you! Air Force Reserve Command has decided to convert all AFRC bases to Seven Digit Dialing which means you will have to dial the entire seven digit number (655-XXXX) to reach an on base extension just like you do at home. The Seven Digit Dial Plan conversion took place after hours on 9 December 2009. Please note that DSN access to March ARB will not change and will remain (447-XXXX). Off base calls will remain the same. Call extension 655-7888, if you experience any problems.

### Chaplain Corps Inspiration

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did so. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." Mark Twain [Samuel Clemens]

"If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place." Nora Roberts

For more encouragement or counseling please contact the Chaplain Corps Office at (951) 655-5405 we are available Mon-Friday, 0730-1630 daily. In case of an emergency please call Chaplain 1st Lt. David Sarmiento (562) 569-1972.

### Chapel Service Schedule

#### Protestant Service

Sunday UTA, 12 to 12:30 p.m.  
Chaplain Sarmiento in the Ops.  
Aircrew Briefing Room.

#### Catholic Mass

Sunday UTA, 11 - 11:50 a.m.  
Father McNally in the Base Chapel.

#### Catholic Reconciliation

Sunday UTA, 12 - 12:30 p.m.  
following Mass in the Base Chapel.



## Chaplain Says Face Giants in 2010

*1st Lt. David Sarmiento*

*163d Reconnaissance Wing Chaplain Corps*

The new year brings new resolutions. And though we start with good intentions, we often will become side tracked when life's daily challenges bring us back to reality.

As we look to the present and the future we can face the Giants which try to impede our success. We need to view the challenges from a different perspective.

The key to a successful new year and for life overall is to have an outlook beyond the Giants. Sometimes the smallest step can make the biggest difference. David of old, the Warrior King, did just that and you can too!

"As Goliath (the Giant) moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. Reaching into his shepherd's bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell faces down on the

ground." 1 Samuel 17:48-49 (New Living Translation)

As a reminder if you are in need of encouragement or counseling, the Chaplain Corps Office is available from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The office phone number is (951) 655-5404 or you may reach Chaplain David Sarmiento on the Duty Cell Phone 24 hrs a day at (951) 236-0496.



## Deployed MDG Members Teleconference with Family



*Photo by Tech. Sgt. Diane Ducat*

163d MDG Commander, Col. Vincent Dang, and friends and family teleconferenced with deployed members during the December Unit Training Assembly. One overseas individual even saw his children unwrap a christmas present, Dec. 5 in the commanders conference room.



Congratulations to Maj. Tim Pomeroy and Dan Stromberg for completing Squadron Officer School. Major Stromberg also scored a 92 percent on his final SOS test.

A job-well-done goes to Airman 1st Class Marcelo Lozoya who completed the Electrical Systems Apprentice course as an Honor Graduate.

A tip-of-the-hat goes to Master Sgts. Nicholas Caraker and Laurice Froehlich for completing Senior NCO Academy.

Congratulations to Tech. Sgt. Christine Spencer for completing her NCO Academy, as well as Senior Airmen Michael Eddolls, Shawn Commen and Daryl Biberston who all completed their Airmen Leadership School.

### Congratulations 'Grizzly' Promotions



**Ricky Evens**

163d Civil Engineer Squadron



**Shawn Oommen**

163d Civil Engineer Squadron

**Steven Zavala**

163d Civil Engineer Squadron



**Robert Smithson**

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